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AUTUMN RARITIES



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AUTUMN SOWING

Seeds of certain rockery and border perennials, of many bulbs, shrubs, and trees seem to be benefited by a period of exposure to low temperature. The best way to handle such seeds is to sow them in open ground seed beds, or in cold frames, in late autumn. The seed bed should be lightly mulched with peat moss, straw or litter during the colder months, to keep it from drying out, and to prevent frost heaving.

WINTER SOWING

Sowing may be done just as long as the ground can be worked. In the North this usually means November or December, but in regions with open winters, sowings may also be made in January and February, or even in early March. Wherever you may live, should the ground freeze before you can sow, you may simulate actual ground sowing with much the same benefit by stratifying alternate layers of seeds and damp sand or peat moss. This should be done in an unheated shed, the pile covered with litter to prevent drying, and all left until early spring, when the treated seeds may be sown outside for quick germination.

TWO THOUSAND RARITIES

My general catalog now offers seeds of some twenty-one hundred unusual plants having ornamental or economic value. Included in it are a large number of kinds that either may or should be sown in late autumn for spring germination. These kinds are marked with the key letters "y" or "h". In making up your order, please be sure to check through the general catalog for such, as well as through the present folder.

The latest general catalog is No. 25. All old customers are supposed to have a copy, but if you have lost or mislaid it, I shall be glad to send another.

SEEDS OF WILD FLOWERS

I have made up a special mixture of seeds of true wild flowers, mostly American, but a few other temperate zone species are included. Altogether the blend contains about four hundred kinds, of course in varying proportions. These Wild Flowers, not mixtures of garden flowers sowing. You will enjoy them. $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$3.75.



SEEDS FOR THE ROCK GARDEN

So many of the true alpine, not all of them of course, need late autumn sowing to give them the right start. In their native mountain meadows there is naturally a long covering of snow over the fallen seeds, these starting to germinate as the snows melt in the spring. Many of the species suited to the rock garden, that are not alpine, seem to be helped also by late sowing and winter cold, germinating quickly and strongly the following spring when so handled.

DODECATHEON BLEND—Shooting Star. Fragrant Cyclamen-like flowers in pink, rose, purple, crimson and white. Pkt. 15c.

TRAILING ARBUTUS—*Epigaea repens*. Prettiest, and almost rarest, flower of early spring, pink-and-white, like fallen apple-blossoms. Deliciously perfumed. A bit slow in germinating. Have patience. Pkt. 25c.

MALVASTRUM COCCINEUM—Blossoms of flame-copper on silvery foliage-tufts. Pkt. 15c.

NOTOTHLASPUM ROSULATUM—Rare plant of New Zealand screes. Piled rosettes of thick, fat, over-lapping leaves culminate in dense pyramids of creamy, fragrant flowers. Pkt. 20c.

LEWISIA BLEND—Many-petalled blossoms of cup form, like feathery Water Lilies, pink to apricot, above rosettes of succulent foliage that may be crisped, undulate, bronzed-tinted. Pkt. 20c.

CACTUS HARDY BLEND—Here are thoroughly winter-hardy kinds in wide variety of intriguing form and brilliant blossom. There will be those that branch pad on pad, others that are ribbed and ovalled columns, those, too, that simulate clustered cushions (pin-cushions). Flowers may be tawny buff, orange-tinted lemon, or purest yellow, with others of most vivid rose. There are no better rock plants. 15 seeds for 15c; 50 for 40c; 100 for 75c; 250 for \$1.65.

AQUILEGIA REUTERI—Flowers of magnificent blue-violet swing on gracefully branching stems. A rare but easy Columbine that will glorify the rock garden or the front of the perennial border. Pkt. 15c.

ANEMONE DECAPETALA—An exquisite little Wind-flower of late spring that will do easily in sun or shade. The ten-petalled blossom chalice is usually a rosy carmine, with bunched golden stamens, but may vary from cream to purple. Pkt. 15c.

RUPELLIA CILIOSA—Long-tubed blossoms of silky lavender, like widely flaring trumpets. Blooms all summer long, is fully winter-hardy, and thrives in sun and drought. Altogether pleasing in rockery or border. Pkt. 20c.

OFFER 26A1—One pkt. each of above for \$1.45.

THE FRINGED GENTIAN

There is no more beautiful flower in its time than *Gentiana crinita*, with its deeply fringed petals of charming misty indigo. Seeds sown in late autumn are rather sure to germinate next spring. Pkt. 15c; spec. pkg. 35c.

THE NEW HARDY BORDER

Wonder why it is that we associate only old-fashioned flowers with the hardy border when there are many newer, more unusual kinds just as lovely. We need both the old and the new, for after all that which is now old, once was new; and we should not lose the adventurous urge that our fathers had. If Hollyhocks had been their limitation, we should never have known the charm of the Bleeding Heart, novelty of the "fifties."

BAPTISIA VILLOSA—A splendid new Baptisia, with great spikes of golden pea-flowers, the showy clusters bowing over with their own weight. Thrives in full sun, and any soil that is not too heavy. No lime. Pkt. 20c.

ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALUM — Big fluffy flower-balls of velvety mulberry red, rich and dark, top each slender three-foot stem. Excellent and easy. Pkt. 20c.

ASTER HYBRIDUS LUTEUS—Countless starry blossoms that open pure yellow, gradually becoming creamy white. Three feet. Very good. Called Yellow Hardy Aster, but probably it is a cross between Aster linosyris and Solidago missouriensis. Pkt. 20c.

MECONOPSIS BLEND—Here we gain the diaphanous petals, like crinkly silk, of the exquisite Blue Poppies of the Orient. A blend of many species, mostly with blue flowers, but including white, lemon and rose. Not of the easiest culture, but nevertheless quite possible from seeds sown in fall or winter. Pkt. 15c.

NUTTALLIA DECAPETALA—Evening Lily. Ivory white blossoms of giant size, for many months. Each flower is decorated with a great tassel of golden stamens. Biennial, but sow in late fall or winter in open ground and it will bloom freely and long the next summer. A spectacular beauty. Pkt. 15c; 1/8 oz. 50c.

GENTIANA PORPHYRIO—Ragged flowers of richest ultramarine, up-facing. No lovelier Gentian than this. Acid soil. Autumn blooming. Long-lived. Pkt. 20c.

PENTSTEMON SECUNDIFLORUS SELECTIONS—Charming for cutting, or decorative in border. Great one-sided, long-lasting spikes of bloom above crispy foliage. Charmingly varied, from delicate flesh tints, through rich pink and deep rose, to lilac, lavender and blue-purple. Pkt. 15c.

EREMURUS BLEND—The magnificent Foxtail Lily. Superb spikes, to eight feet, packed with hundreds of starflowers in white, pink, rose, yellow, orange, even autumn brown. 25 seeds for 20c; 100 seeds for 65c; 500 seeds, \$2.50.

PARADISEA LILIASTRUM—The exquisite Lily of Paradise. Flowers of rarest purest whiteness. One should grow great banks of it. Often flowers first summer from sowings made previous autumn. Pkt. 15c.

POLEMONIUM CARNEUM — Lovely sprays of wide bells that may be apricot-tinted cream, salmon pink, or even cherry rose; a sort of after-glow blending that is most charming. Luxuriant foliage of fern effect. Pkt. 15c; 1/8 oz. 75c.

OFFER 26B2—One pkt. each of above for \$1.60.

LILIES FROM SEED

Lilies grow rather readily from autumn-sown seed. Circular of cultural directions sent with each lot. Here is a condensed price-list of selected kinds. For full descriptions of 80 different Lilies, with offerings of the seed, see pages 24 and 25 of my general catalog, No. 25. Ask for a copy if you do not have one.

LILIUM AURATUM—Snowy white, gold-banded gorgeously. Pkt. 10c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 60c; 1oz. \$2.00.

LILIUM COLCHICUM — Fragrant butter-cup yellow. Pkt. 20c; special pkg. 50c.

LILIUM CONCOLOR—Red Star Lily. Fine dwarf. Pkt. 15c; spec. pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 75c.

LILIUM CROCEUM—Radiant orange. Pkt. 15c.

LILIUM DAVURICUM — Candlestick Lily. Variable, buff, apricot, orange, scarlet, maroon. Mixed colors only. Easy. Good. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.10.

LILIUM HENRYI—Rich deep amber. Fine in every way. Pkt. 15c; special pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 85c; 1 oz. \$3.00.

LILIUM HYB. GOLDEN GLEAM — Like a Tenuifolium with waxen blossoms of richest honey-orange. Quick and easy from seed. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00.

LILIUM JAPONICUM—Fragrant soft pink. Pkt. 15c; special pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

LILIUM KAMTSCHATKENSE—Whorls of velvety purple-black bells. Pkt. 15c; special pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 75c.

LILIUM MARTAGON—Wine purple. Pkt. 15c; special pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

LILIUM MARTAGON ALBUM—Waxen white. Pkt. 20c; spec. pkg. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00.

LILIUM MAXIMOWICZI—Like a refined Tiger Lily of better color tone. Good. Pkt. 15c; spec. pkg. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

LILIUM NEW HYBRIDS — Buff, gold and orange, with varied purple and apricot pink suffusions. Pkt. 25c; special pkg. 60c.

LILIUM PARDALINUM — Robust. Brilliant orange and crimson. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

LILIUM PARRYI—Fragrant lemon yellow. Pkt. 25c; special pkg. 60c.

LILIUM POMPONIUM—Glorious glossy scarlet. Pkt. 25c; special pkg. 60c.

LILIUM PRIDE OF CHARLOTTE—Lovely new hybrid, Regale-like, but later. Pkt. 20c; special pkg. 50c.

LILIUM REGALE— $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 25c; 1 oz. 65c.

LILIUM SHELBURNE HYBRID—Fine Regale-Sargentiae cross. Pkt. 20c; special pkg. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00.

LILIUM SPECIOSUM MAGNIFICUM—Sparkling carmine rose. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 60c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00.

LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM—Coral. Early. Pkt. 10c; special pkg. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 50c; 1 oz. \$1.50; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$5.00.

LILIUM THOMSONIANUM — Satiny rose-pink. Pkt. 25c; special pkg. 60c.

LILIUM WILMOTTIAE—Ruddy apricot. Pkt. 20c; special pkg. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00.

OFFER 26A4—One pkt. each of above for \$4.25.

THE GORGEOUS IRISES

Iris seeds sown in fall will usually germinate strongly following spring. My general catalog offers seeds of 73 Iris species and strains. Here are a few.

IRIS ARENARIA — Very early; very dwarf. Bronze buds, orange flowers. Dainty. Pkt. 20c.

IRIS ATROPURPUREA — Flowers like black velvet, with touch of yellow. Rare. Palestine. Pkt. 15c.

IRIS CRISTATA — Blossoms like pale blue crumpled silk. Gold-patched; white-crested. Dwarf. Pkt. 20c.

IRIS DELTA BLEND—If I could grow but one class of Irises it would be this. Wonderfully variable and magnificently beautiful. See page 21 of general catalog for full description. 10 seeds 25c.

IRIS DWARF HYBRIDS—Flowers of "German" Iris size, color and form, but on dwarf plants. Very early. Extra fine. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 50c.

IRIS DE VITRY HYBRIDS — Giant Irises in pastel tones, lilac, fawn, buff, tawny wine and the like. Unique. Pkt. 15c.

IRIS HYACINTHINA—Foliage fountains. Flowers like sapphire butterflies. Pkt. 15c.

IRIS OCHROLEUCA GIGANTEA—Ivory white flowers, banded with gold. Makes a magnificent showing. Pkt. 20c.

IRIS ORIENTAL BOUQUET—An early flowering strain of long-stemmed Irises, parentage undetermined, but belonging apparently in the general *Orientalis-Sibirica* sub-section. The flowers are carried on three to four-foot stems, high above the somewhat glaucous foliage. The colorings are most attractive, and intriguingly variable, scarcely any two plants being alike. Some will be pure blue, others azure, purple, or white with amethystine shadings. The blade and claw are usually mahogany-marked, this extending to a netting on the falls. Recommended particularly for cutting, but good in border, too. May-blooming. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 50c.

OFFER 26B6—One pkt. each of above for \$1.40.

SEEDS OF UNUSUAL BULBS

There are a vast number of spring and summer-flowering bulbs that may be grown readily from seeds sown in open-ground beds in late autumn or early winter. Room here for only a few, but see general catalog No. 25 for very many more.

CHIONODOXA LUCILAE ROSEA — Lovely rose-pink. Rare. Pkt. 20c.

IXIOLIRION MONTANUM—Clusters of starry trumpet-blossoms, deepest blue. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 75c.

HELLEBORUS NIGER — Christmas Rose. Snowy-white blossoms, rose-tinged, in mid-winter. Hardy. Not a bulb, but rather bulblike. Pkt. 10c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 30c.

COLCHICUM LUTEUM—Flowers like stars of solid gold. Spring. A Kashmir rarity. Pkt. 20c.

ALSTROEMERIA BLEND—Lily of Peru. Gloriously beautiful flowers in wide and varied range of colorings. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 90c.

FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS—Crown Imperial. Circlets of large bells, bronze, yellow or crimson, on three-foot stems. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. 75c.

OFFER 26A3—One pkt. each of above for 90c.

BULB FLOWERS

For Fall Planting

The kinds offered here should all be planted in the autumn, to blossom the following spring, or in the case of forcing bulbs, during the winter. Usually available, unless otherwise mentioned, from early September until past the middle of November, but better mention an alternative kind or two on orders sent in after the middle of October, for naturally some sorts become depleted. Garden hardiness may be assumed unless statement or implication to contrary appears but of course some protection of straw or leaves may be needed in very exposed northern locations.

Bulbs are not prepaid. If you want them by mail, add 5% to your remittance for points east of Pittsburgh and north of Potomac, 10% to the Mississippi, and 15% west of the river. This is to cover postage and packing. I shall assume that shipment is desired by express, collect, if no allowance for postage accompanies order.

CALOCHORTUS ALBUS—The Fairy Lantern. Snowy, translucent blossoms, exquisitely shaped, and carried in graceful, swaying sprays. It has been said of a form of this plant that with it the world would seem rich, though no other flower existed. It is tall enough for cutting, likes trifle of shade, and at Philadelphia makes itself thoroughly at home in the garden, as though there to the manor born. See illustration on cover. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.

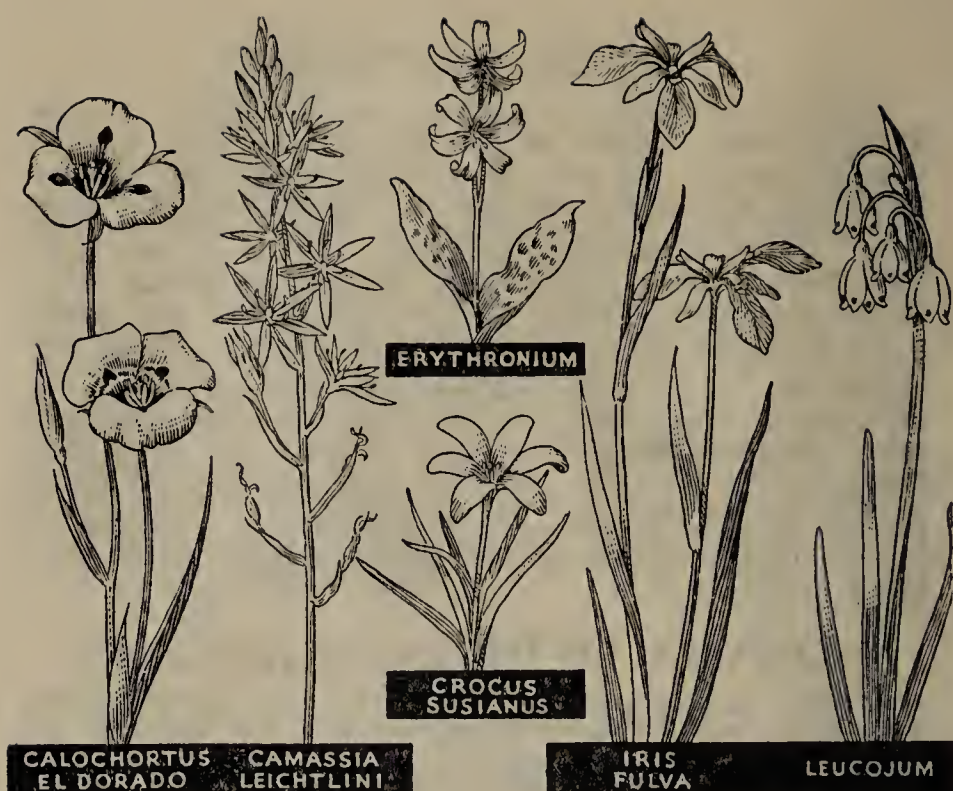
THE PINK FRITILLARY—*Fritillaria pluriflora*. Many large open bells of pure deep rose. Very beautiful. Likes a bit of shade. Almost a Lily, but rarer and daintier than most Lilies. Ten inches. Each 20c; 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50.

CAMASSIA LEICHTLINI—The flowers are spreading stars, perfectly formed, sometimes an inch and a half across, and each tall, airy, loosely formed spike carries many of them widely open at one time. The spikes are often four feet tall, and may bear one hundred blossoms. The bulbs seem to be fully hardy anywhere in the country, and the season of bloom is long, all through late spring. I offer mixed colors only, including white, rich cream, delicate lavender, indigo and blue-violet. Camassias cannot be recommended too highly for every garden, and this is possibly the finest of them. 2 for 25c; 10 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.25.

CAMASSIA QUAMASH—Many years ago I lived in the Pend Oreille River valley, up toward the northeasterly corner of Washington State. There I have seen the prairie-like meadows and flood-plains as waving fields of shimmering ultramarine, when *Camassia quamash* was in bloom. The Indians used to dig the bulbs as food, likely they still do, and the flavor was said to be sweet and "chestnutty." I have not tried them, enjoyed the flowers too much to want to destroy the bulbs. This *Camassia* grows 18 to 24 inches high, and the flowers are informal and somewhat one-sided stars in various rich shades of blue. *Camassia quamash* gives a splendid effect in mass colonies, and the cost is low enough so that one can afford to plant liberally. Of great hardiness. 10 for 45c; 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.75.

ZYGADENUS FREMONTI—A fully hardy bulb, and a real beauty, with open sprays of blossom stars, creamy yellow, with deep yellow centers. Very like *Camassia*, and may be grown with them, giving a new color. Please note, though, that unlike *Camassia* bulbs, those of *Zygadenus* are not edible. An ornamental bulb that deserves wide planting. 2 for 25c; 10 for \$1.00.

AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA—This stately *Amaryllis* is well-called "The Beautiful Lady." The sweetly fragrant flowers are satiny trumpets of carmine pink to lustrous rosy crimson. It makes a delightful pot bulb, blooming year after year; or planted deeply in a not too-exposed position, it will usually winter over safely in the open ground as far north as New York City. Each 40c; 2 for 75c; 4 for \$1.40.



CRIMSON SATIN FLOWER—*Brevoortia Ida-Maia*. Clustered flowers of glistening richest red, each tube tipped surprisingly with a recurved scalloped edging of bright apple-green. Extraordinarily vivid. Sometimes called Floral Firecracker, and it looks the name. Rather easy. 20 inches. 3 for 40c; 8 for \$1.00.

CALLIPRORA IXIODES SPLENDENS—*Pretty Faces*. Salmon yellow to golden buff flowers, each petal with a single brown stripe in the center. The blossoms, large and star-shaped, are carried in up-facing umbels on 18-inch stems. Handsome, easy and hardy. Sometimes classed as a *Brodiaea*. 4 for 25c; 9 for 50c.

ERYTHRONIUMS MIXED—Charming flowers like very dwarf Lilies, for woodland, shady corner, or not too sunny rockery. The color variations are remarkable, cream, deep yellow, purple, lavender or rosy pink. Often there are contrasting color bands. Plant the bulbs as soon as you get them. 4 for 25c; 9 for 50c; 19 for \$1.00.

THE COPPER IRIS—*IRIS FULVA*—Open, airy flowers in a most unique shade that lies between new copper and bronze, deepening to brown velvet toward the center line. Of full winter hardiness. Not, of course, a bulb, but may be treated as one. Each 20c; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

BRODIAE BLEND—The rather tall and slender stems bear clusters of waxen flowers that vary from close trumpets to wide stars, according to species; and in color run from tinted white, to lilac, lavender and rich glossy purple. Then there are others that are close to indigo blue, rosy pink, or yellow with salmon tintings. They are hardy and long-lived in any well-drained soil, and will even thrive in light shade. Please note that the bulbs are naturally small, but not the bloom. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 21 for \$1.00.

LEUCOJUM OR SNOWFLAKE—A piquant Cinderella of the *Amaryllis* family, with pure white, sweetly scented flowers in early spring. Each petal carries quaintly a tiny tip of almost bottle green. Give some mulching first season. After that, when established, it seems fully hardy. You will like the Snowflake better each year, and look forward to its blooming. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 15 for \$1.00; 50 for \$3.00.

CALOCHORTUS EL DORADO—Here are the hues of the rainbow in rare blendings, bandings and blotchings. Splendid flowers that remind one a bit of the Tulip, but with a more delicate beauty. The petal markings are like those of a butterfly's wing, hence they are sometimes called Butterfly tulips. Branching plants to two feet, hardy in well-drained soils. Mulch with straw or leaves in exposed locations. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00.

CALOCHORTUS STAR AND GLOBE—One cannot show by words the exquisite and gracious beauty of these dainty flowers. Less spectacular than the *El Dorado* strain, they show marvelous pastel tones together with richer hues. In form they vary from nodding fairy lanterns to up-facing fuzzy stars. They are even hardier than the *El Dorado*, but prefer a bit of shade, while *El Dorado* likes the sun. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00.

CLOTH OF GOLD CROCUS—*Crocus susianus*. In the wild these greet the spring on the slopes of Crimean hills. The blossoms, cups at first, soon open to wide stars of brilliant golden orange, heavily laced with velvety brown. Earlier than most other Crocuses, mid-February here if the weather grants any favors. A hardy pioneer, and in the habit of pioneers, it raises big families, so from a few bulbs you will soon have many. 7 for 25c; 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.40.

CROCUS TOMMASINIANUS — The delightful little "Tommy Crocus" of English gardens, a lovely thing with its elongated cups that are clearest lavender; or sometimes white without and blue-amethyst within. Of exceeding hardiness, and so early that it may show blossoms in February. 6 for 25c; 20 for 75c; 50 for \$1.50.

JUST CROCUSES—I always watch for the first Crocus blossoms. There may be other flowers just a bit earlier, but none that are so luxuriantly colorful, or that give so much of that "Spring is here" feeling. In this blend there are all the gay Crocus hues; lavender, blue, purple, white, striped, yellow and the rest, in bulbs of blossoming size, large enough to naturalize wonderfully, or to give effective bloom-clumps year after year in the rock garden. 10 for 20c; 50 for 85c; 100 for \$1.75.

IRIS DUTCH AND SPANISH—Named sorts, grown separately, in many rare colorings, are in this mixture, all true Bulb Irises, varieties and hybrids of *Iris xiphium*. The blossoms are very like orchids, at least in reminder, and particularly long-lasting as cut flowers. They have been called Poor Man's Orchid, but rich men are glad enough to grow them, too, for they are exceedingly beautiful. There will be russet and smoky bronze combinations; pale blue, indigo, rich yellow, white, softly tinted. Hardy and easy. Size "B," nice blooming size. 17 for 50c; 36 for \$1.00; 100 for \$2.50.

CRINUM LONGIFOLIUM—A beautiful and interesting flowering bulb of the *Amaryllis* family, with wide, arching, ribbon-like leaves two to three feet long, giving an exotic and tropical effect. In early summer robust flower-stalks appear, each crowned with a cluster of thick waxen trumpets, white or palest blush, shading to deep rosy pink. Lasts a long time in blossom, and sometimes flowers again in autumn. Seems to be fully winter-hardy at Philadelphia and New York, if mulched with litter, but to be on the side of safety, better plant deeply in a not overly exposed location. In colder areas planting in cold frame might be good insurance, or the bulbs may be dug in late autumn, and stored in dry sand or soil in cellar over winter. Big, flowering-size, bulbs. Each 65c; 2 for \$1.25; 5 for \$3.00.

MUSCARI HEAVENLY BLUE—An absolutely hardy Grape Hyacinth that will give great splashes of sheer blue for many radiant spring weeks. Just about the easiest of flowering bulbs, yet few will give greater pleasure. Sound bulbs, should flower well first season. 10 for 35c; 25 for 75c; 100 for \$2.50.

ORNITHOGALUM UMBELLATUM—The Hardy Star of Bethlehem. Enormous quantities of pure white up-facing flowers in robustly branching umbels. Dwarf. Very pretty. A rugged individualist that needs no fostering care. 10 for 40c; 25 for 90c; 100 for \$3.00.

DOLLAR DELIGHT COLLECTION—Six bulbs *Camassia quamash*, nine *Iris Dutch and Spanish*, five *Hardy Star of Bethlehem*, ten *Muscari Heavenly Blue*, ten *Crocus Mixed*; 40 bulbs, \$1.27 value, for only ONE DOLLAR in collection.

BULB RARITY COLLECTION—Three *Crimson Satin Flower*, four *Calliprora*, four *Erythronium*, three *Pink Fritillary*, four *Brodiaea*, three *Leucojum*, five *Camassia Leichtlini*, two *Zygadenus*, eight *Calochortus Mixed*, and one *Crinum Longifolium*, \$3.60 value for THREE DOLLARS in Collection.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Everyone knows this lovely perfumed flower with its drooping bells of dainty waxen whiteness. It is hardy, increases rapidly when once it feels at home, and really prefers those shady corners (if the soil be not dry and baked) where it is hard to get other things to grow. Try it on the north side of the house, or colonize it where shrubby arches.

LILY OF THE VALLEY WHITE BELLS—Charming white bells, pendant in graceful sprays. Sturdy individual pips, field grown. 10 for 40c; 30 for \$1.00; 100 for \$2.65.

LILY OF THE VALLEY PINK BELLS—In this truly rare variety, the blossoms are suffused with pink. Good pips, 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

SIX ROCKERY RARITIES

These are dainty bulbs, lovely in the early spring rockery, but just as effective in little clustered colonies in sheltered corners, or at the front of the hardy border. All are garden hardy, but *Iris reticulata* forces well, too, as does also *Triteleia*, the Spring Star Flower.

HYACINTHUS AZUREUS—The daintiest of baby Hyacinths, no larger than *Muscari* in bloom, but a real Hyacinth nevertheless, with flaring bells of most intense azure, bluer and brighter than sky-blue. Then it is the earliest of Hyacinths, maybe earliest of flowering bulbs, blooming often in February, surely in early March, and it is hardy and persistent. 10 for 50c; 22 for \$1.00.

CANDYSTICK TULIP—Elongated blossoms, banded with brilliant cherry on a ground of misty, pink-flushed cream. A charming miniature for the rock garden. Called also Lady Tulip, and botanically, *Tulipa Clusiana*. 3 for 35c; 11 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00.

IRIS RETICULATA—Earliest to blossom of all the true bulb Irises, and wonderful in the rockery. The flowers, rich with the fragrance of violets, are deep, brilliant purple, gold-streaked. Each 25c; 4 for 90c.

ANEMONE APENNINA — A fascinating little Wind Flower, with blossom-cups of most intense sky-blue, two inches across, in late March or early April. Sometimes purple, white or pure pink forms appear. Will spread to form carpets of living beauty. Tolerates a bit of shade, or, equally, the sun. Each 15c; 3 for 40c; 10 for \$1.15.

ALLIUM UNIFOLIUM — Slender foot-high stems that carry graceful clusters of bright rose-pink flowers. Easy and handsome. 3 for 25c; 10 for 65c.

SPRING STAR FLOWER—*Triteleia coerulea*. A splendid little bulb flower, easily grown and free blooming. The blossoms are up-facing stars, sometimes showing palest blue suffusions, or again deepening to richest indigo. A hardy cousin of *Leucocoryne*, from the Argentine side of the Andes. Winters in gardens here without the slightest protection, but better cover with straw or litter in exposed locations further north. It forces, too, with the greatest of willingness, and blooms repeatedly for many weeks. A pot of it will be appreciated in any window. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 15 for \$1.00.

ROCKERY BULB COLLECTION—Three bulbs each of *Hyacinthus azureus*, *Allium unifolium*, and Spring Star Flower, and one each of *Candystick Tulip*, *Iris reticulata*, and *Anemone apennina*, \$1.20 value separately, for only ONE DOLLAR in the collection.

FAIRY DAFFODILS FOR THE ROCK GARDEN

Here are charming baby species, so unique, so very different from their big brothers, that they scarce seem to be *Narcissi* at all. All make small bulbs.

NARCISSUS BULBOCODIUM CITRINUS — A lovely little Daffodil of pale citron yellow with shyly shrinking perianth but a fluted and satiny corona so widely flaring that it seems well-called Hoop-petticoat Daffodil. 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50.

NARCISSUS TRIANDRUS ALBUS—Angel's Tears or Ganymede's Cup, a charming fairy-flower from the hills of Portugal. The corona chalice hangs downward, but the perianth petals are reflexed like irregularly fluttering wings. Creamy white. 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50.

QUEEN ANNE'S JONQUIL—Double rosette flowers of deepest richest yellow in little clusters. Deliciously fragrant. Finest form of true *Narcissus jonquilla* for the rock garden. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.25.

NARCISSUS CYCLAMINEUS — Nodding blossoms of golden yellow, the perianth fully reflexed to give the effect of a *Cyclamen* flower. Finished in exquisite detail, the trumpet neatly serrated. Earliest Daffodil of spring. Each 35c; 3 for 90c; 6 for \$1.75.

COLLECTION OF FAIRY DAFFODILS—Three bulbs each of the four kinds, labeled, 12 in all, for \$2.00.

THE HARDY BEGONIA

Begonia Evansiana is a most handsome species of decided winter hardiness. It needs but the slightest of protection here, but farther north, or in particularly exposed locations it should be given a mulching of straw or litter in late autumn. It is loaded for months with large flowers of delightful pink. Good tubers, each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

PEERLESS TULIP BLEND

If you want an almost unsurpassable showing of brilliant Tulip colorings, carried on long stems, kinds, too, that are long in flower, then this blend should meet your requirements. It is a mixture of finer named kinds of the Darwin and related classes made up to carry the full range of Tulip hues. To be in proper proportion and balance, the Peerless Blend is mixed to formula, chiefly from named sorts, grown separately. There will be the softer color tones, cream primrose and golden yellow, to bronze, orange and coffee brown; from palest flesh, through salmon pink, to strawberry, rose, scarlet and maroon; with lavender, clear blue, smoky violet and rich purple varieties, together with others fantastically marbled and striped. No more gorgeous mixture than this. Medium size bulbs that will bloom beautifully and persist long. Particularly effective when planted in little groups or clumps, to accent a border, or to light up a shrubby background. 8 for 25c; 17 for 50c; 36 for \$1.00.

MONARCH OF THE EAST (Sauromatum)

A most surprising flower. Store the dry tubers in the cellar until late February, when they may be placed in the north or east window of a not-too-warm room. In a few days' time long ivory-colored buds will push out from the tubers, soon opening to immense rose-tinted, purple-streaked flower-spathes of most curious form. Remember all this is from the dry tuber, no soil, no water, no planting, just exposure to light and warmth toward spring. After the tubers have finished flowering, they may be planted out in the garden, where they will grow spectacular foliage during the summer months, enormous digitate leaves carried high on marbled stems. In late fall, dig and store again in the cellar. This interesting plant is a species of *Sauromatum*, a rather distant cousin of the *Calla*, coming from India. Good tubers, 60c each, two for \$1.00; 10 for \$9.00.

HORTICULTURAL BOOKS

Here are books worth reading. All offered can be supplied promptly. Prices are post-paid. Please note, though, that since I am neither a circulating library nor a second-hand book store, I cannot very well allow return of books once sent out. There is, by the way, no finer present for a garden-loving friend than a book of this kind.

HORTUS—This is a concise dictionary of gardening, giving brief descriptions, with to-the-point notes on cultural requirements and uses, on over 5,000 different plants of garden interest. Both common and botanical names. Any real gardener needs it. 652 pages. \$5.00.

THE GARDENER'S BED-BOOK—Wright. This is not a manual, nor a book of instructions. It is just a book of "Short and Long Pieces to be Read in Bed by Those Who Love the Green Growing Things of Earth," for, of course, "All Gardeners Read in Bed." Delightful, witty, inspiring, yet filled with rich nuggets of practicality. \$2.50.

THE FLOWER-FINDER—Walton. Here is all the information the beginner needs to identify wild flowers quickly. The classification and identification charts are so simplified that one needs no previous botanical knowledge, nor definitions of botanical terms, to find the name of any wild flower, quickly and easily. 18 half-tone engravings and 573 pen-and-ink drawings. \$2.50.

MY ROCK GARDEN—Farrer. 300 pages of help and instruction in the building of the rock garden. Directions are pertinent and to the point. Written particularly for the amateur. Gives also descriptions of plants for rock garden use, all in Mr. Farrer's inimitable and unique style. Illustrated. \$3.00.

WESTERN AMERICAN ALPINES—Gabrielson. Until one has this book, he can scarce realize the wealth of alpine beauty available as garden material from our western mountains. One will want to try them all when they read the alluring descriptions. The beginner will be delighted by the new vistas that it opens, the more advanced gardener will need it for constant reference. 260 pages. 124 illustrations. \$3.50.

CYCLOPEDIA OF HORTICULTURE—Bailey. The universally accepted authority on horticulture. Intensely interesting. Three volumes, 3,637 pages. Four thousand illustrations of which 96 are full page, and 24 are color plates. Gives full descriptions and cultural data on thousands of plants. Also general articles. \$15.00.



CALL THEM BULBS

Even though the intriguing kinds offered here may not be truly bulbs, we might just as well call them so, for they are very bulb-like, and are handled and planted in the dormant or semi-dormant state in precisely the same way as bulbs. They are really good.

LEWISIA BRACHYCALYX—The Lewisias are hardy tuberous-rooted plants with thick succulent leaf-rosettes and multitudes of large and exceedingly beautiful flowers that remind one of Water-lilies. *Lewisia brachycalyx* is one of the rarer species, very early flowering, starting to bloom here in early April and continuing until the latter part of May. It is dwarf, the feathery flowers almost hiding the plant. The petals are a diaphanous white, delicately suffused with lilac-lavender. Each 30c; 3 for 75c; 10 for \$2.25.

LEWISIA REDIVIVA—Here the blossoms are even larger, and tinted with a pure clear pink, the petals with a texture like spun silk. Flowers in late spring, starting when *Lewisia brachycalyx* is well over. All Lewisias like well-drained soil in full sun, but should not be allowed to suffer from dry weather. No lime. Each 25c; 3 for 60c; 10 for \$1.75.

ORIENTAL BELL-FLOWER—Big, widely opened bells, bright, blue-violet mostly, but varying to purple, sky-blue and white. Of full hardiness, growing from tuberous roots. Most showy. Excellent cut flower. Bushy plants to two feet. Botanically this is *Platycodon grandiflorum*. 15c each; 3 for 40c; 10 for \$1.00.

BLACKBERRY LILY—This most interesting plant, *Belamcanda chinensis*, seems to be a sort of connecting link between *Ixia* and *Iris*. The foliage and the root habit are *Iris*-like, but the blossoms, carried high on slender branching stems in informal sprays are those of *Ixia*, yet the coloring would be odd in either family, for it is an apricot-tinged orange, spotted freely with rich crimson. After the flowers come ornamental seed clusters, like great glossy blackberries. These are often cut, then dried to use in winter decorations. The blossoms, too, make a nice cut flower. The Blackberry Lily is winter-hardy. 40 inches. 20c each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

TRILLIUM OVATUM—Largest and showiest of the Trinity Lilies, with flowers that open snowy white, but soon suffuse with a rich pink that finally deepens to a royal wine-purple. It loves moist rich woods, but will thrive in the garden, if given soil with a bit of peat moss or leaf mold added, and, if possible, a position that is shaded part of the day. Of course, it can be over-watered, but at least do not let it suffer from drought. It is beautiful enough to repay a little fussing. Decidedly winter-hardy if other conditions are right. 3 for 40c; 9 for \$1.00.

APIOS TUBEROSA—Pretty tuberous-rooted vine of fullest hardiness. The blossoms are clusters of butterfly flowers, resembling those of *Wisteria*, but richly chocolate-hued. Likes a bit of shade, and deep rich soil that will not dry out too much. Grows rapidly. 15c each; 3 for 40c.

SUNBRIGHT—A hardy tuberous-rooted succulent of most alluring beauty, in bloom all summer long. The blossoms, of luminous cherry rose, are carried in airy sprays on stems so fine as to be near-invisible, giving the odd effect of flowers floating in air. The leaves are brittle pencils of silver-powdered green in erratic tangle. Grows about a foot high. Particularly recommended. Botanically it is *Talinum calycinum*. Each 20c; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

DODECATHEON HENDERSONI—Purple Shooting-star. The blossoms look as though the plant should be a Cyclamen, but really it is almost a Primrose. Long-stemmed umbels of intensely fragrant flowers that may be delicate lavender, true rose, or rich purple. It seems to be of great hardiness, and you will like it when it blooms, but I must warn you that when you order it, all you will get will be a little spidery cluster of dry and brittle roots that look as though all life had departed from them. They will grow readily enough, though, if you give them a chance. "Playing 'possum" thus is just the plant's natural way of resting through late summer and autumn. 20c each; 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50.

VARIEGATED BULB GRASS—A pretty ornamental grass with striped and variegated leaves. Excellent for edgings, or for border clumps. Botanically it is *Arrhenatherum elatius tuberosum variegatum*, but don't let this linear name keep the very real beauty of the plant from you. Just call it Variegated Bulb Grass, as I do. Hardy. 18 inches. Grows from Crocus-like tubers. 8 for 25c; 25 for 65c; 45 for \$1.00.

WINE CUPS—This is *Callirhoe involucrata*, a magnificently showy half-trailer for the front of the border, the rockery, the terrace, or to carpet a dry bank. Big cups of showy wine-crimson for months. Revels in heat and drought. Good solid tubers, each 20c; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.

ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA—Butterfly Flower. Usually brilliant orange, but may vary from sulphur to flaming scarlet. One-season tubers, ready to bloom. 3 for 25c; 10 for 65c

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA—Clustered blossoms, pink in the bud, open to crinkled silken bells of pure coerulean sapphire. Handsome basal leaves of blue-tinged green. Two feet or more. Full hardiness. Tolerates light shade, but prefers deep rich soil. Spring. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1 00.

NEW ADVENTURE COLLECTION—Two of *Trillium ovatum*, 1 *Lewisia brachycalyx*, 3 Blackberry Lily, 3 Purple Shooting Star, 8 variegated Bulb Grass, 2 *Lewisia rediviva*, and 3 of *Asclepias tuberosa*, \$2.48 value separately, for TWO DOLLARS in the collection.

EREMURUS OR FOXTAIL LILY

This majestic Desert Lily, with magnificent flower spikes that bear hundreds of bright star-shaped blossoms, pink rose, primrose, orange, yellow or copper. Grows eventually four to eight feet tall. Fully hardy, but mulch a bit to prevent too early growth in the spring. Spectacular in the border.

ONE-YEAR SEEDLINGS—Sturdy one-season seedling roots that, if grown thriftily, may begin to flower in third year from transplanting. Available in mixture only; finest possible color range, but no colors can be supplied separately in this size. 3 for 40c; 9 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.50.

FULL BLOOMING SIZE ROOTS of *Eremurus* can also be supplied those wishing quicker effects, at the uniform price of \$2.25 per root, four roots for \$8.25. The following varieties are available: Isobel, pink and orange shadings; Moonlight, pale yellow; Rosalind, bright pink; White Beauty, pure white; Tubergeni, tall pure yellow; Robustus, giant early pink.

THE RARE PLUME HYACINTH

In this scarce and most unusual variety of *Muscari comosum*, the individual florets are transformed into fluffy lilac-shred tassels of delightfully informal and graceful habit. The stems are long enough for effective cutting, and in garden, border or rockery, the Plume Hyacinth gives a touch of unique distinction. Sometimes there is not enough of this bulb to go around. Don't order too late. It is, by the way, fully hardy, 3 for 25c; 10 for 70c; 25 for \$1.60.

BULBS FOR THE WINTER WINDOW

It is not hard to force bulbs for winter flowers, and all of the kinds grouped under this heading are very suitable for this winter window forcing. Of course many of the hardy bulbs, Muscari, Narcissus, Tritelia in particular, are good for growing in pots during the winter, too. A leaflet of cultural instructions will be included with all shipments of winter-flowering bulbs sent out.

ORNITHOGALUM AUREUM — Golden Chinkerrichee. For quick and easy winter flowers, almost solid clusters of radiant golden-orange on long stems, lasting, each spike, for many months, try this new and still scarce species. You must see it to really appreciate it. Each 15c; 3 for 40c.

ORNITHOGALUM ARABICUM — The tender Star of Bethlehem, a really superb pot bulb for winter flowering. Large and airy clusters of pure white wide-open flowers, each with a shining black-green center. Not hardy outside, but very easily forced in a sunny window. The blossoms are highly attractive, delightfully perfumed, and last for many weeks. Do not confuse with the hardy Star of Bethlehem, page 11. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 15 for \$1.00.

LACHENALIA RECTOR OF CAWSTON — In this fine Hybrid Lachenalia, the pendulous blossoms of brilliant scarlet, tipped with citron, are carried in loose spikes. For pot culture only, flowering as quickly and easily during the winter as will Freesia. Showy, and unusual. 2 for 35c; 6 for \$1.00.

NARCISSUS PAPER WHITE — Clustered blossoms of purest white, sweetly fragrant. Unexcelled for quick winter blooming indoors. Often grown in pebbles and water. By making succession plantings at intervals, one may have Paper Whites in bloom from Thanksgiving to Easter. Not for garden culture. 4 for 20c; 10 for 45c; 25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.75.

BABIANA TRUE AZURE — The blossoms are bluer than indigo, a rich living blue that is hard to describe. Flowers easily and quickly in pots. Very lovely. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c.

THE BABY GLADIOLUS — A very distinct strain, used altogether for pot culture or greenhouse forcing. Their natural season of bloom is the winter months, and a pot of them in full blossom is a dainty and lovely thing. May be grown in any sunny window. The flowers are airy in form, each with a diamond-shaped marking on the lower petal, and shades of lavender orchid, salmon, pink, rose and crimson are in the blend. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 22 for \$1.

AMARYLLIS JOHNSONI — A particularly easy Amaryllis for pot culture, with clustered flowers of rosy red, each petal bearing a wide center-band of pure white. Each 35c, 3 for \$1.

SPARAXIS BLEND — All these bulbs need is a sunny window in a cool room to yield a wealth of winter beauty. The flowers are large, several open at once, and the colors are exceedingly varied and most brilliant. Often the throat shows a contrasting hue, or there may be bright zonings. I like Sparaxis, and I think everyone will that tries it. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 22 for \$1.00.

SEA DAFFODIL — Big serrate flower-cups of snowy whiteness, with short waving guard petals. The blossoms are intensely fragrant, and are carried in clusters. This is *Pancratium maritimum*. Usually grown as a pot plant, for which purpose it is highly effective, but southern customers will please note that it is fairly hardy in the garden, often wintering outside, if protected, as far north as Philadelphia. Each 25c; 3 for 65c; 5 for \$1.00.

AVALON WINTER WINDOW OFFER — Four bulbs each of Babiana, Sparaxis, and Baby Gladiolus, with three of Tritelia coerulea (page 10), and three of Ornithogalum arabicum, 18 in all, for ONE DOLLAR in the collection. If you want something different, and more charming, than the usual run of winter bulbs, try these five kinds. All are delightful.

NOVELTY WINTER WINDOW OFFER — Two bulbs of Lachenalia Rector of Cawston, one of Leucocoryne Glory of the Sun, two of the delightful Ornithogalum aureum, and one of the Sea Daffodil, \$1.25 value if ordered separately, for only ONE DOLLAR in the collection.

PLEASE NOTE: Bulbs are not prepaid and are sent by express collect unless remittance includes postage allowance. For postage and packing, add 5% east of Pittsburgh and north of Potomac, 10% beyond to Mississippi, and 15% for destinations further west.

LEUCOCORYNE, Glory of the Sun

LEUCOCORYNE IXIOIDES ODORATA — The lovely Glory of the Sun, a rare treasure from the hills of Chile, and often considered the most charming of all bulb flowers for the winter window. The 18 inch stems carry each several very large and starry soft blue flowers, with undulate petals and white centers. The blossoms are intensely fragrant and particularly long-lasting. For winter pot culture only. At its best it is wonderfully good, but it is only fair to mention that at times the bulbs fail to flower the first year. Fortunately this delay in blooming is rare, and it is a delay only, for such bulbs almost invariably flower the second year. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

THE CALLA LILIES

These make splendid and rather easy pot-plants, ornamental in both bloom and foliage. Give them plenty of moisture, that is the only distinctive requirement.

THE PINK CALLA—This is *Zantedeschia Rehmanni*, a true Calla, but rather dwarfer and more compact than the old-fashioned white. The coloring is most alluring; from white, or with but faintest of blush suffusions, through pink tintings, to pure rose. Still decidedly rare. 60c each, 2 for \$1.00.

THE BLACK CALLA—Flower-spathes of richest velvety black-maroon. Always attracts favorable comment. This is an *Arum*; a Calla cousin of like habit and form. 50c each, 2 for 95c.

THE TRUE WHITE CALLA—Flowers that seem molded from white wax. Fragrant. Each 20c; 3 for 55c; 6 for \$1.

THE GOLDEN CALLA—It is *Zantedeschia Elliottiana*, with flower-spathes of brilliant, shining yellow, thick and wax-like. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

CALLA LILY COLLECTION—One root each of the four, labeled separately, for \$1.50.

TRUE BLEEDING HEART

Exquisitely graceful sprays of pendant rosy heart-shaped blossoms, each tipped with white. A robust, upstanding perennial of fullest hardiness, loaded with bloom for many spring weeks; yet notwithstanding its size and vigor, it gives an effect of daintiness. A very good flower for cutting; foliage attractive. Botanically, it is, of course, *Dicentra spectabilis*. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

EARLY DAY LILY

This is *Hemerocallis Dumortieri*, blooming here pretty well all through May. It is a half-dwarf, of compact sturdy growth, reaching a height of possibly thirty inches. The buds are chocolate brown, but open to trumpets of clear golden orange, streaked with bronze in reverse. Musk-fragrant. Exceedingly floriferous. Recommended. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

LEMON DAY LILY

The Lemon Lily, *Hemerocallis flava*, has been a garden favorite for generations, and rightly so. Sprays of lemon-hued, richly perfumed trumpets in late spring. Three feet. Delightful for cutting, or in border. Like all *Hemerocallis* species, it is of fullest hardiness. Each 25c; 3 for 60c.

HARDY PINK SPIDER LILY

In this delightful *Tradescantia*, the blossoms are rosy pink, with golden anthers, and appear in continuous succession from May to October, though late spring is when the plants show solid masses of bloom. It is of the easiest possible culture, and everyone who sees it likes it. Tolerates full sun or light shade. Grows to about 18 inches, quickly forming showy clumps. Each 20c; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

HARDY WHITE SPIDER LILY

Here the flowers are of snowiest whiteness, but the anthers are blue in deep contrast. Like all *Tradescantias* it tends to be ever-blooming, and is easy, fully hardy, and of rare satisfaction to possess. Each 25c; 3 for 60c.

NAMES OF FRIENDS. If you have two or three garden-loving friends, and care to send me their full names and addresses, it will be an appreciated favor that I shall try to repay in filling your order.

HOUSE PLANTS FROM SEED

Seeds of these, of course, may be sown at any time of year.

TALINUM PATENS—The foliage is thick and glossy, with many panicles of pretty little carmine blossoms above. Comes into flower quickly from seed, and tends to be ever-blooming. Always pleases. Pkt. 25c.

STAPELIA BLEND—For an easy, but bizarre, house plant, try Stapelia. Thick leafless stems, green or purple-shaded, with flanged and jagged corners. Gigantic, thick-petalled flowers in starfish form, cream or ochre, with grotesque embossings of brown and violet. Pkt. 25c.

STRELITZIA REGINAE — Bird of Paradise. Great blue-and-gold flowers, oddly poised, like brilliant jungle birds. Not hard to grow if the large seeds are given some heat to start them. Each 15c; 3 for 40c; 8 for \$1.00.

AMARYLLIS PEERLESS HYBRIDS — Seeds saved only from giant-flowered plants. Should give blooms of marvelous diversity of colorings and markings. Autumn, by the way, is about best season of year to sow Amaryllis seed. 15 seeds for 25c; 50 seeds for 75c; 100 seeds, \$1.40.

AMARYLLIS WHITE MONARCH—The rarest and most desired of all Amaryllis varieties is that with gaint flowers of pure enamel whiteness. This seed has been saved from such. Nevertheless some seedlings will show roseate stainings, or other variations. Many, though, should come true. 5 seeds for 20c; 11 seeds for 40c.

ALOE BLEND—Most decorative succulent pot plants of rugged habit and easy culture. Highly recommended. Many fine kinds in mixture. Pkt. 20c.

TRUE POINSETTIA — *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. A gorgeous thing when in full glory of its vivid live-coal flower-bracts. 10 seeds for 25c; 50 seeds, \$1.00.

PELARGONIUM FANCY HYBRIDS—The Lady Washington Geranium. Large flowers of white, red or rose, always with dark velvety blotch. Pkt. 25c.

CACTUS ORNAMENTAL BLEND—Particularly selected for pot culture. Weird and curious stem formations, with richly hued and varied feathery flowers, followed by "jewel" fruits. Wonderfully diverse blend. 35 seeds for 25c; 100 for 60c.

CLERODENDRON FALLAX—Great panicles of brilliant, airily formed blossoms the year around. Fairly easy to handle, and showily ornamental always. It deserves any praise. Pkt. 15c.

OFFER 26A5—One pkt. each of above for \$2.00.

HOUSE PLANT SURPRISE

Here you are due for delightful amazement. Seeds of very many different house plants in one great mixture, some of them decidedly unique. Better separate the fine seeds from the coarse, since the latter will need deeper covering. Give them all a fair chance and ample time. Sold only in extra-size packets at 25c each.

SEEDS OF TREES AND SHRUBS

Among trees and shrubs that may be grown from seeds sown in open-ground beds in late fall or early winter are the following; Dove Tree, French Lilacs, Roses, Scottish Broom, Dog-wood, Magnolia, Yew, Pine, Fir, Cedar of Lebanon, Beauty Bush, Clematis, Pawpaw, Persimmon, Golden Rain Tree, Crape Myrtle, Cotoneaster, Tree Peony, Daphne, Ginkgo, Larch, Medlar Apple, Flowering Cherry, Flowering Almond and the like. Seeds of all, with many others, are offered in my general catalog, No. 25.